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# HOMEMAKERS' CHAT

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SUBJECT: "Smothered in Onions" Information from the Office of Marketing  
Services, War Food Administration.

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Here's a little conundrum for you today...if you have them you weep...if you don't have them you weep. What is it? Onions! Right on the first guess.

Do you remember how much you missed onions when you couldn't buy them at the store? If you could just get onions, you said, you could prepare this and that favorite dish...So...the farmers went to bat for you. They didn't want you to cry over onions that weren't there. They increased their plantings...with the result that the onions numbered over 50 percent more than their previous winter crop. Consequently, onions have been plentiful through all the winter months, and continue to be plentiful.

During parts of January and February the heavy snows tied up transportation in many sections of the country to the extent that onions among other foods couldn't be moved to market in usual volume. Now dealers are rushing onions to your grocery stores as fast as possible. Spring onions will be coming on soon, and winter onions will have to take a back seat. Looks like you homemakers have a chance to eat all the onions you want, and at the same time go to bat for the farmers...if only in self-protection..that is, to insure your future supplies of onions...for it's only reasonable that farmers will cut their production down again if part of their onion crop is not used. The production and consumption of food is a cooperative job. When farmers and homemakers work together on a joint policy the family dinner table is the beneficiary.

Onions not only make your eyes water when you slice them, but they certainly can make your mouth water when you smell them cooking. Hamburger and onions, meat loaf with onions, vegetable soup with onions...just the thought of the good flavor onions give to meats and vegetables, salads and sandwiches makes a person hungry for them.

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